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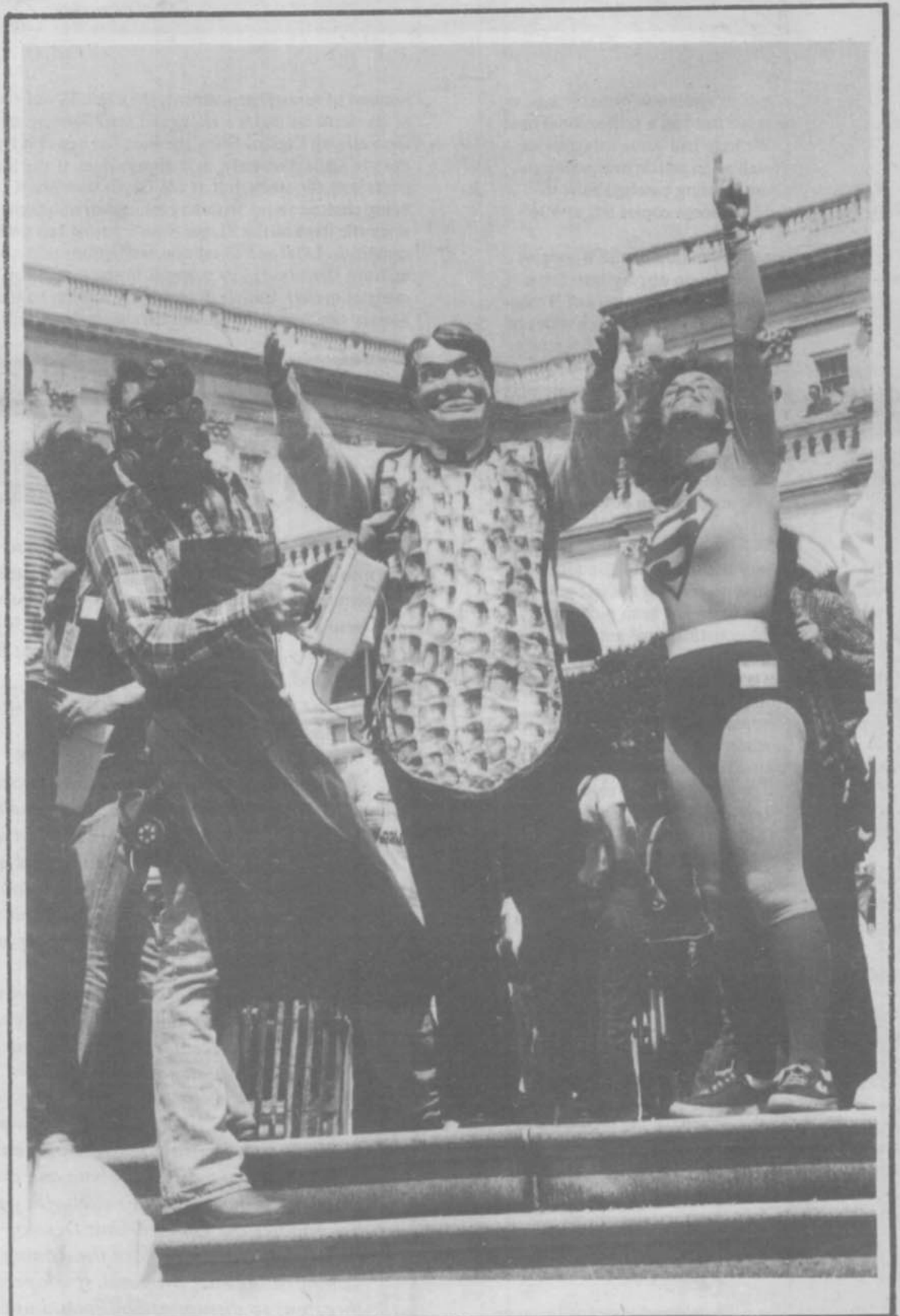
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**IT'S A BIRD... IT'S A PLANE...
NOPE... IT'S JUST SOME MORE
FALLOUT**

Part of the crowd of over 100,000 that showed up for the anti-nuke demonstration on May 6th illustrating how the well-dressed nuclear proponent should travel. At left is the traditional garb of the native technologist. At right the latest in transcendental chic. Our model in the center is wearing an off-the-shoulder shell so popular with those who want to express their inner selves in their attire. Photo by Leonard Cohen.



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CITY DESK



THE photo above is to remind you that it is now eight long years since we last had a professional baseball team in town. We have had some thoughts on the subject, most notably an article in the December 1977 issue on how to bring baseball back to Washington. We still have some copies left at 50¢ each.

The photo is part of an exhibit at the Woodrow Wilson House, which will be on display into September. The exhibit covers the baseball years of Washington (i.e. 1879-1971) and is another in a series of interesting events at that little known, but fascinating house-museum at 2340 S St. NW. The Wilson House is pretty much the way he left it and projects a sense of reality that most historic places miss. Wilson's life straddled the 19th & 20th centuries and you will find there such cross-chronological touches as one of the earliest refrigerators next to a huge old ice box. The Wilson House, baseball notwithstanding, is well worth a visit.

NOW that a DC jury has implicitly condoned euthanasia, it may be time to reassess the self-government strategy that this town has been pursuing. It would appear that the constitutional amendment is terminally ill, its closest relatives are already fighting over the will, but no one seems ready to pull the plug and try something new.

The unseemly disputations between the various advocates of the amendment certainly hasn't helped its cause. The main effect has been to confirm that basic law of DC politics: no issue is too large not to be subordinated to the next election. Meanwhile, the House District appropriations subcommittee has taken a meat-ax to the federal payment, placing it at the lowest percentage of total revenues since the days when we called our mayor commissioner. Further, the subcommittee blithely reorganized the staffs of a number of agencies and generally acted like it was still running the city.

Which, of course, it is. And the sooner we stop talking like we've got home rule save for a couple of senators the sooner we'll understand the true shape we are in. At that point, we would surmise, a number of people who have been publicly indifferent to statehood will finally recognize that if they want two senators and have Charlie Wilson off their back the most logical approach would be full equality with other American citizens. This is what statehood is about. To aid in any reassessments we have included in this issue a fact sheet on statehood. Who knows, even the League of Women Voters and Common Cause might like to read it.

THERE WILL be a whale watching expedition on June 23. Since we don't have any whales to watch around here, you'll have to go to Provincetown, Mass. Pamela Caldwell is organizing transportation and she can be reached at 549-7066.

THE CITY COUNCIL is in rather a shambles these days, what with several present and former members

accused of sexual harassment, the eligibility of one of its members under a cloud and staff funding under the knife on Capitol Hill. The Post has been playing the sex angle discreetly, as it always does if the Star beats it to the story, but at the DeeCeeDeeBee it's being chatted about with an enthusiasm unmatched since the days of the Zipper Squad during last year's campaign. Libel and discretion restrictions prevent us from identifying key suspects in the sexual harassment matter, but we draw your attention to the literary quality of the alleged harassers. Their pur-

ported conversation with harassees was sufficiently banal to limit the field somewhat.

MEAN OLD Leslie Douglas wrote a letter to the Star the other day to point out that while the Post was inveighing against the profits of the oil industry (4% of sales and 11.8% of stockholder equity for the five biggies) that publication was reporting profits of 9.6% on sales and 28% on equity. That's almost enough to keep a few longtime pressmen on the payroll.

Come back Ben Gilbert, all is forgiven.

Much was expected from the new administration in the way of better planning: new policies, new appointees, better staff, new attitudes towards the citizens. Unfortunately, these expectations have not been fulfilled.

Last November, . . . citizens and citizen groups from throughout the city. . . formed what is now known as the DC Citizens Planning Coalition. Its purpose has been to offer the new administration advice and recommendations on land use issues, including reorganizations, and appointments to the Zoning Commission, the Board of Zoning Adjustment, and the newly established Office of Planning and Development.

. . . The Coalition's efforts have met with little success. James Gibson, the new director of the reconstituted planning office, has been a major disappointment. Like his predecessors, he uncritically supports the notion that the primary purpose of planning is to promote development in order to expand the tax base and create jobs. In pursuit of this exclusive goal, he supports the Planned Unit Development proposal now before the Zoning Commission. That proposal, if adopted, threatens to disrupt established land use patterns in every neighborhood in the city.

Mr. Gibson has also rejected the enactment of an interim comprehensive land

use plan for the District, projecting instead the development of a new comprehensive plan sometime in 1980. That leaves the city subject to the planning whims of the Zoning Commission for an unconscionably long time.

At the beginning of the new administration, Mr. Gibson took over a planning office that was demoralized and that lacked effective leadership. Four months later, the office is even more demoralized and is even less focused than before. The quality of its performance on the PUD and Residential Treatment Facility case has been an affront to the citizens of the city.

Mr. Gibson himself is virtually inaccessible. He does not answer letters. He does not return telephone calls. In his rare interviews with citizens, he has been defensive, unwilling to discuss the merits of issues in detail, and otherwise distracted by "more important" matters.

The Mayor seems to condone these actions. . . Although this administration is new to office and many of its problems are inherited, there is no excuse for the failure of leadership and lack of any new policy in the area of land use planning, a lack vividly demonstrated every day. Mr. Gibson and the Mayor will have to do much, much better to avoid the bitter confrontations between citizens and city officials that marked the last years of Walter Washington's administration.

—DICK WOLF in
the Capitol Hill
Restoration Society
newsletter

WE ARE GLAD that the school board will be considering competency testing for teachers thanks to a proposal by Minnie Woodson, Calvin Lockridge and Carol Schwartz. Nat Hentoff has some good views on the subject in Weather Report this month. On other hand, the "unified curriculum" suggested by Woodson, Alaire Rieffel and Victoria Street, seems like yet another gossamer goal involving much paper and little progress a la CBC.

POOR ARRINGTON Dixon, who got upset when the White House didn't invite him to a big do a few months back, finally made it in the door — at the dinner for Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira of Japan.

JUST FOR THE RECORD, Metro once again didn't have enough money for the car payments due July 1. Fell \$7 million short this time. At presstime, Congress was also once again bailing out the system so it could pay the interest — no, not the principal, friends; we don't even talk about that — on the debt it has already piled up. And we're not even half way there.

WILLIS JOHNSON has a boxing promoters li-

cense. He is also manager of the DC Armory. He asked the Corporation Counsel whether he could engage in private box promotional activities on the side. Big, bad Lou Robbins, CC middleweight, ruled that the answer was no to events at the Armory and maybe for other events — if the Armory Board ruled there was no conflict of interest. So it's not very important — it's certainly more interesting than most of the conflict of interest stories we read these days.

MONTGOMERY County has a bunch of used mechanical lever voting machines for sale. Prices range from \$100 to \$800 and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. If you'd like one for your den call M. Weaver at 279-1446.

JERRY MOORE'S Committee on Transportation and Environmental Affairs is trying to come up with some rules for naming things around the city — like bridges, parks and public buildings. The council has authority over this but right now about the only criteria of note is that you have to be dead for two years before you get anything named for you.

THOSE people inspecting Lower Georgetown the other day were not part of a new horde of developers, but rather the parishioners of Grace Episcopal Church walking the bounds of their parish. These bounds, coincidentally, pretty much match the Georgetown waterfront development area.

Walking the bounds is what you're meant to do on Rogation Sunday. Just what effect all the walking and blessing will have on zoning decisions is not clear but it represents the most significant theological intervention into local planning matters since Susan Meehan put a Gaelic curse on the would-be developer of Ellen's Irish Pub.

MATT WATSON, the DC Auditor, reports that last fiscal year twenty-two neighborhood commissions gave out \$50,000 in support to other organizations. Nearly one-third of the amount went to school and after-school programs and some of the rest supported recreation programs and beautification efforts. Reports Watson: "I was most impressed by the commissions which received double value for their expenditures. ANC 4B used funds to hire tutors and student aides at Paul Junior High School and Coolidge Senior High School. ANC 3E funded a teenager's

MARION BARRY'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

BUSINESS REGULATION AND LICENSING

- Permit operation of nightclubs
- Permit a temporary retailers license for hard liquor as well as wine and beer
- Allow the ABC Board to impose a fine in lieu of suspending licenses
- Increase hours of liquor sales
- Enact an anti-trust act to allow the city to move against anti-competitive practices and undue market concentration.
- Regulate use and sale of security alarm systems
- License and regulate drug abuse treatment facilities
- Regulate sidewalk cafes
- License and regulate pharmacies and pharmacists
- Increase regulation of newspaper vending machines
- Provide for the assignment of vending spaces to specific vendors
- Regulate health personnel dealing with radiation
- Regulate veterinary medicine
- License and regulate funeral directors and homes
- Increase regulation of real estate brokers
- Establish a board of the licensing and regulation of dentistry
- Increase appropriations for the People's Counsel
- Assess utilities for operating funds for the Public Service Commission
- Permit the mayor to name the chair of the Public Service Commission

CONSUMER PROTECTION

- Regulate rental housing locators
- Limit the maximum finance or interest charge in retail installment sales
- Increase consumer protection in auto repossessions
- Establish a registration fee for retailers that offer credit

CONTRACTS

- Allow the mayor to enter into multi-year contracts for supplies and services to the city
- Allow the mayor to enter into joint contracts for supplies and services with neighboring jurisdictions
- Authorize contract negotiation without advertisement of competitive bidding for resale purposes
- Delete the newspaper advertising requirement for construction contracts
- Exempt research, educational and experimental programs from formal advertising requirements

CORRECTIONS

- Allow prison inmates to vote
- Provide funds to pay inmate wages and upgrade the Correctional Industries Program
- Allow inmates to be used in renovation projects at Lorton Reformatory

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Establish a Civic Center Board
- Set up special assessment districts for neighborhood commercial centers
- Provide set-asides in DC contracting for small, local businesses
- Permit small loan companies to operate in the city

EDUCATION

- Provide financial assistance to medical and dental students in exchange for post-graduate service in underserved areas of the city

EMERGENCY POWERS

- Allow the mayor to issue rules relating to community disasters

EMPLOYMENT

- Provide a tax credit for businesses hiring DC residents
- Provide day care services for children of parents enrolled in approved job-training programs
- Establish an employment program for youths including a program for youths in their first year out of school

Pay incentives to firms that locate in the city based on their percentage of employees who live in the city

Require up to one percent of DC construction costs to be set aside for artistic expression (Applies to public buildings only)

ENERGY CONSERVATION

- Provide an incentive for the installation of alternative energy systems
- Establish an energy conservation code that would apply to new buildings and alterations

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

- Revise air quality control regulations to require that employers (both public and private) charge prevailing rates for parking at their facilities
- Increase regulation of stationary sources of emissions
- Prohibit the use of asphalt from April through September
- Annual testing and certification of gas delivery trucks
- Expand regulation of fugitive dust
- Limit the use and sale of high phosphate detergents and cleaning compounds
- Permit the incineration of sewage sludge
- Increase regulation of places where wastes are generated, stored, treated, or disposed
- Upgrade standards for drinking water
- Allow the mayor to prohibit certain non-essential uses of water during periods of drought
- Relax regulation of Solid Waste Reduction Center 1 and eliminate testing requirements for certain pollutants
- Increase regulation of abandoned vehicles
- Increase the minimum numerical sanitation rating for food establishments

FIRE SAFETY

- Establish fire safety standards for "high rise" buildings

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & FISCAL AFFAIRS

- Limit liability of the city government for acts and omissions of its employees
- Centralize animal control
- Provide for the disposition of unclaimed property
- Set up a uniform system of procurement for the city government
- Institutionalize the transition committee concept between administrations
- Set up guidelines for gifts received by city officials and employees
- Allow a revolving fund for the UDC bookstore
- Allow a revolving fund for the UDC parking lots
- Eliminate the \$10 limit on search fees under the Freedom of Information Act
- Increase the value of personal property exempt from attachment or seizure

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Restore vacant housing to residential use
- Issue revenue bonds to finance housing construction, mortgage financing and rehabilitation programs
- Increase maximum relocation payments
- Protect tenants from termination of gas or electric service
- Improve protection of tenants under the Condominium Act
- Prevent certain conversions of rental housing to apartment-hotels
- Permit conversion of buildings vacant for 12 months
- Enact a commercial premises maintenance code
- Allow the mayor to make minor changes in urban renewal plans without the need for council approval

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Provide for mandatory wage assistance in cases where child support payments are not being made in accordance with terms of a court order
- Increase immunization requirements for public and private school students

Authorize advance payments for certain child care providers

Require that fetal deaths, induced pregnancy terminations, marriages and divorces be reported to the Vital Records Section

Increase reimbursement charges allowed licensed child adoption agencies

Increase services at public clinics including pre-marital tests, emergency dental treatment for children and family planning services

Authorize priority admission of DC residents to the Rehabilitation Center for Alcoholics and the DC Veterans Home

Increase payments for public assistance applicants and recipients

Provide uniform payments for day care services and collection of fees from employed parents

Establish procedures for stipulation agreements regarding paternity and child support

Increase the time for bringing complaints in paternity proceedings

INSURANCE

Eliminate or revise the statutory limitations on the amounts of group life insurance policies

Require motorists to carry minimum amounts of vehicle liability insurance

Prohibit discrimination in insurance policies

Prohibit the issuance of group accident and sickness insurance policies which restrict free access to psychologists and optometrists

Allow life insurance to issue variable life insurance policies

Eliminate the distinction between industrial and ordinary insurance policies

Increase maximum penalties that the Superintendent of Insurance may impose for violations of insurance laws

Require that accident and sickness insurance policies include newborn infant coverage

Enact a fair claims settlement procedure

TAXATION

Abolish all property tax exemptions granted by special acts of Congress. Currently exempt properties would apply as ordinary public, non-profit organizations

Exempt public, non-profit museums from property tax

Limit exemptions of non-profit hospitals to those providing emergency services for indigent persons

Eliminate exemption for property rented to another organization for a similar use or activity

Increase conformity between federal and DC tax laws

Substitute an estate tax for the inheritance tax

Eliminate tax exemptions for certain congressional employees

Exempt income by foreign airlines and ships from taxation

Replace the current gross earnings tax on financial institutions with a franchise tax based on net income and a personal property tax

Repeal the current sales tax on utility bills and increase the gross receipts tax on utility companies

Provide for the taxation of Blue Cross and other health plans

Require taxpayers to notify the city of adjustment to their federal tax liability

Tax pet foods

Increase enforcement of cigarette tax laws

Increase enforcement of alcoholic beverage laws

TRANSPORTATION

Establish a dedicated tax for funding future Metrorail and Metrobus operating subsidies

Regulate facilities for the landing and takeoff of helicopters, seaplanes and other light aircraft in the city

Require the owners of commercial trucks and buses to display the firm's name, city and state and an identification number on their vehicles

Provide for the registration of recreational vehicles as personal passenger vehicles

salary as a day camp counselor. In both of these projects, the commission provided additional community service as well as wages for neighborhood residents. In addition, the commissions augmented District programs, making for effective expenditures without the burdens of administering an entire program by the commission.

"Cooperation between commission and District agencies allows grass roots budgeting. Commissions are able to select programs which are important to their individual communities and augment the Dis-

trict appropriated budget. In this manner the local citizens can evaluate and meet their own needs.

"I believe that this interaction should be expanded to other areas. For example, a commission which desired a spring cleanup might fund the Department of Environmental Services to provide a trash truck in their neighborhood on a Saturday. Another area might choose to have longer community recreation hours at a school or community center."

Watson suggests that funding for the ANC's be increased but that the additional amount be given in budgetary authority which could be transferred to DC departments. He recommends one dollar per DC resident to be divided among the commissions that they can then allocate to DC agencies for additional services. This is an imaginative idea that would set

an important precedent. Albeit the amount involved is a token one, the novelty would be that the ANC's would, in effect, be telling the DC government how to spend some of its money in their neighborhoods. We have, in the past, suggested discretionary funding for schools and we think Watson's idea should be given serious consideration.

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CHUCK STONE, who is once again appearing on these pages, regularly writes a column for the Philadelphia Daily News. In this capacity last month, a murder suspect who feared police "would beat a confession out of him" gave up to Chuck. It's not really much of a story anymore. Over the past 18 months six police suspects have given themselves up to Chuck, three of them wanted for murder.

OUR EARLY report on the psychokinetic efforts to change the orbit of Skylab was picked up by the Saturday Review and passed on to their more numerous and perhaps more psychokinetically endowed readers. Perhaps by this time the experiment will have taken place and Skylab will either have moved safely away from earth or crashed as another monument to the technologists' view of 'acceptable risk.' As we write we don't know what the results will be, but at least we tried.

THIS is the first of our two bi-monthly summer issues. If another space vehicle decides to descend in the interim, we're afraid you are on your own.

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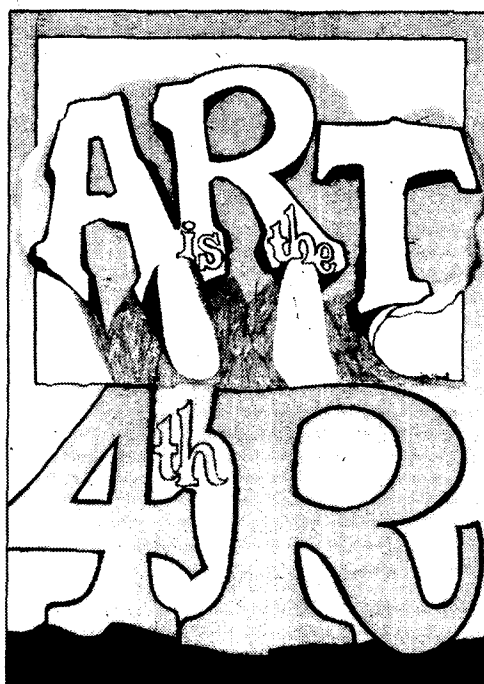
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The Weather Report

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Why Not Test the Teachers?

BY NAT HENTOFF

THE PRINCIPAL of the Staten Island junior high school is complaining of the ridiculous expectations certain parents have of the public schools. "To educate everybody," he tells a reporter for the local daily, "is an impossible goal. Some will never learn how to read and write no matter what you do."

Who are these invincibly ignorant "some." Not white middle-class kids. That leaves, in New York City, blacks and hispanics. Elsewhere, the same, including Chicanos and poor whites. Why are these children uneducable? In teachers' lounges and at social gatherings of administrators, the reasons, regularly intoned like a self-exculpation rite are: "those" kids are defective. Some genetically. Some so twisted by their noisome homes and streets that they can never be straightened. "After all," I have heard from grimly prophetic teachers in many cities, "we only have them for part of the day. Then they're back in those sinkholes where education, I can tell you, is hardly a priority."

Not all teachers and administrators convince the children of the poor early on that they're irredeemably dumb — and then point to the kids' non-performance as proof of their diagnosis. Some educators are so ingenuous as to believe that any child can learn, and most of their students do. But there are so relatively few such teachers and administrators that they and their results are considered aberrational and so no threat to the calcified majority of "professionals" in the public schools.

And so it comes to be that in New York City — and the dismal figures are not that much different in other big cities — 53.4 percent of youngsters entering the ninth grade in 1974, disappeared before graduation. In that span of time there were 55,064 dropouts. What are they going to do? This is not the turn of the century when street-smarts, a hardy constitution and stick-to-it-ness could enable a teenager to move up without an education.

The predictably obtuse reaction to public school disintegration has been to blame the product. Competency testing of students has been proliferating around the country, with at least 17 states mandating that no one can be graduated from high school unless they pass tests in reading, math and sometimes writing.

But until recently, no one has seriously sug-

gested that if the kids are to be tested, so should the teachers and administrators who are supposed to have the skills to enable them to learn.

As a man from the Rand Corporation told me — speaking dispassionately as a systems-analyst — "evaluating the performance of only students does nothing to improve either teaching or learning. If that's all there is to it, we may be sure that one result will be to hold the student responsible for the failure of the educational system."

And by 1983, 60 percent or more of the predominantly black and hispanic kids in New York who entered the ninth grade four years earlier will have not waited around to fail those competency tests. But the tenured teachers and administrators will still be there.

In New York, however, a campaign is underway to finally grade the school professionals. Among the instigators is Dr. Kenneth Clark, a member of the Board of Regents (which oversees all public education in the state) and a long-time palladin of those millions of children who, unless something is done to make teachers achieve, will never get to know their potential.

"We are engaged in a very important revolution," Clark told me. "We are going to insist that teachers and supervisors produce what we pay them to produce. And we pay them well."

Of course, that shouldn't be such a revolutionary goal, but it is."

One of the approaches to evaluation will be to test teachers' knowledge of their subjects. That may produce some shocking results, but even if a teacher passes that requirement, a much more basic examination remains. How well does he or she teach? Ah, say most education professionals, how can that be measured? Teaching is an art, and its qualities are measured, if they can be at all, subjectively.

In fact, the effectiveness of a teacher can be judged in much the same way as that of any worker. By looking at the results. How well do the children do? One fourth grade teacher, for example, brings most of her class significantly above grade level in reading. Another, in the same school, with the same mix of kids, does not. And indeed, the second teacher seems to always end the year with a dispirited, largely bewildered class. There's no mystery there. One teacher is competent. The other is not.

Similarly, if in the same district one principal is in charge of a school that continues to decline while another, with the same kind of population, leads the district in reading scores,

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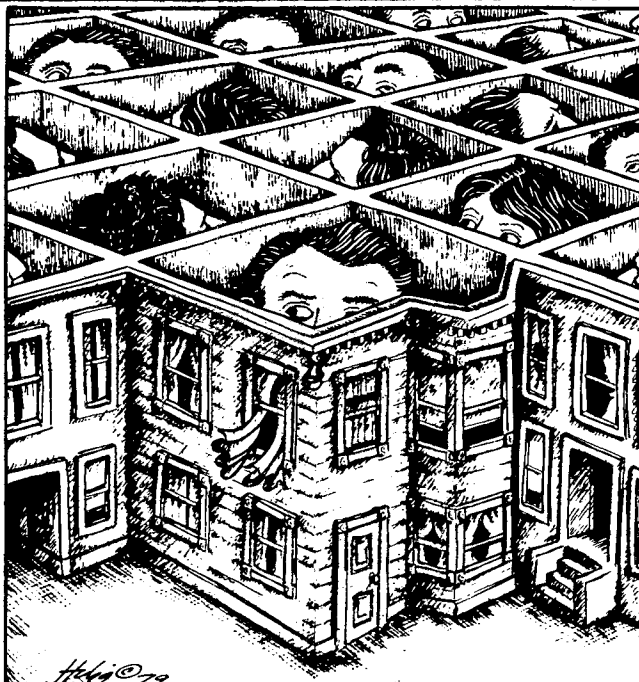
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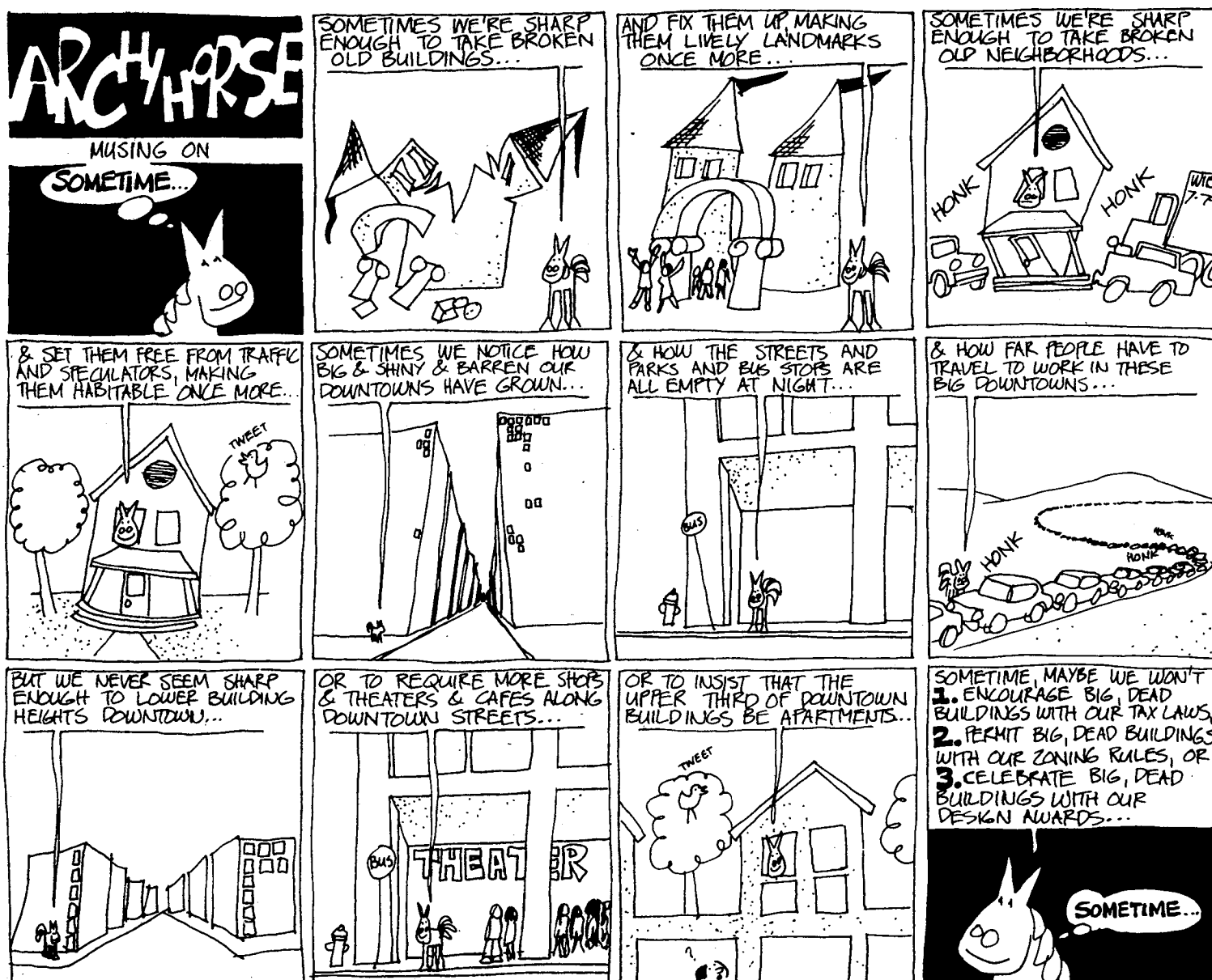
According to Alonzo, the 14 million post-war babies marry later and have children later, partly because women participate more in the workforce. Often both marriage partners work, and they often have few children or none.



"Here in the cities we will go more and more to the European system where the apartments that get built will go to condominiums or cooperative where people buy their apartments with tax advantages."

Affluent singles, aged 18 to 35, are now the primary marketing target of the service economy. Separated from all previous networks of social support except the workplace, the single householder is a perfect consumer. Virtually every human contact involves the exchange of money, and without that critical commodity, many SSWDs are completely and entirely alone.

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NUKE NOTES

"A MAJOR nuclear accident at Peach Bottom or Three Mile Island atomic power plants could devastate much of York County." That was the lead to one of the stories by Jim Hill of the York Daily Record — two weeks before the accident at TMI. This four-part series by Hill not only pointed out the dangers of an accident but the possibility that "millions of premature deaths and crippling diseases for generations" might be caused by the daily operation of the plant. The series appeared March 16. Ten days later a letter appeared in the Record from the president of Metropolitan Edison calling the Record "irresponsible" in its coverage. Two days later, TMI-1 occurred. We trust the Pulitzer committee will copy.

XEROX, which publishes My Weekly Reader and Current Events, got in trouble with the nuclear industry for an article on the handling of radioactive wastes. The Nuclear Legislative Advisory Service gave Xerox its coveted "Asshole of the Month" award. Well, it appears that Xerox got the message. In a letter to the Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Xerox promised "renewed vigor" in monitoring its publications and that a "balanced view on nuclear energy" would be published in the near future with the help of the nuclear industry. What Xerox apparently didn't realize in trying to appease NIRS is that the organization is not part of the nuclear industry but an anti-nuke group centered here in Washington.

OREGON representative James Weaver has introduced legislation that would give each state the right to prohibit or regulate the intrastate transport of all radioactive material, except for certain medical products.

CRITICAL MASS JOURNAL reports that "tremendous pressure" exerted by the nuclear industry apparently caused dozens of public television stations across the US not to air the program, "Paul Jacobs and the Nuclear Gang." The program included interviews with people who were exposed to radioactive fallout in the 1950s who later contracted leukemia and other terminal diseases. Critical Mass found that at least 96 public stations did not broadcast the Jacobs program in its recommended time slot, and that many killed the program entirely. In St. Louis, for instance, the show was withdrawn just one minute before it was to go on the air. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch later reported that it had been withdrawn due to pressure from the Union Electric Company, which is building a nuke plant near St. Louis.

EACH YEAR six thousand American children may be entering the world deformed as a result of pre-birth exposure to man-made radiation. This is the conclusion of a newly published document called the Bair Three Report, released by a committee of experts from the National Academy of Sciences. According to the New York Times, the document reportedly contains figures which indicate that half of a percent of the American people, or one million people, may in their lifetimes develop cancer from man-made sources.

GALLUP reports that 50% of the population would not be willing to trade less dependence on nuclear power for higher energy costs. Further, 56% think an energy shortage poses a greater risk to the nation than do nuclear plants. Thirty-one percent said nuclear power poses a greater risk.

THREE UNIVERSITY OF HEIDELBERG researchers, in a report to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, have warned that current methods for assessing the dangers of radioactive cobalt exposure are grossly inadequate.

The West Germans say that radioactive cobalt tends to form a bond with vitamin B-12 — both inside livestock and in the soil where crops are grown. They add that up to 70% of all the B-12 which enters the human body in food is absorbed by the stomach and intestines and then stored in the liver.

The three scientists claim, in effect, 2000 times as much radioactive cobalt — bonded to the vitamin — may end up in the liver than is currently suspected.

They also say that although cobalt is a particularly dramatic example, many other radioactive compounds are also bonding to certain chemicals and then are being concentrated and stored inside the body.

WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE, which had planned a major demonstration against the threat of nuclear war in May, cancelled the program in order to take part in the May 6th march. WSP has now rescheduled the demonstration for October 13th. (WSP, 201 Mass. Ave., DC 20002, 202-546-7397)

MOTHER JONES magazine alleges that Jimmy Carter held a secret meeting last year with 13 leaders of the nuclear industry — and that Carter offered them a deal that violates his campaign promise to use nuclear power only as a "last resort." According to the MJ story, the chief executive officers of 13 major corporations and utilities were offered the following deal: if they would support Carter in cutting the Clinch River breeder reactor from the budget before the 1980 election, he would then push for bigger expenditures for an even larger breeder reactor after the election. Carter also promised to make a strong public statement favoring nuclear power as part of the purported deal. The nuclear industry reportedly turned down the deal, because it was hoping for even greater concessions. A White House representative admits that the meeting took place, but denies that any deals were offered.

ECOCLIPS

A NORTHERN VIRGINIA builder who read a 1945 publication on how to build cheap homes for returning World War II vets has turned some of the data into plans for energy-saving housing. He's already built six of the homes that save their owners as much as eighty percent of their winter heating bills. Techniques include double insulation, double walls, double-glazed windows and an enclosed area inside the front door. The homes also face south. The builder, Harry Hart of the Hart Development Corporation, worked for 18 years at the Smithsonian before turning builder. He borrowed ideas contained in a publication of the Small Homes Council at the University of Illinois, which explained how to build what was called the "Illinois Lo-Cal House." Wayne Shick, a professor of architecture at U of I, told the Washington Post that a Lo-Cal designed house

is far more economical than a house with solar collectors.

THE PUBLIC Interest Research Group (PO Box 19312, DC 20036) offers a lay guide to solar power called "A Citizens Handbook on Solar Energy." Price for individuals and public interest groups is \$3.50. Businesses and institutions can get it for \$11.

THE SECOND national assessment of the country's geothermal resources by the US Geological Survey finds that there is as much geothermal potential underground as the power supplied by oil in 162 years. Best sources are in the west and parts of the Gulf coast.

IF YOU'RE into waste, there's an organization that's just been formed called Waste Watch that's interested in waste disposal, hazardous wastes and the politics of waste. You can find out more by contacting the Technical Information Project, 1346 Conn. Ave. NW (217), DC 20036.



THE FORTY YEAR OLD HIPPIE

By TED RICHARDS



THE PEOPLE at the Massachusetts Department of Manpower Development have come up with a booklet that describes how CETA funds can be used for energy-related projects. It is aimed at Massachusetts but the principles could be used anywhere. Write State Employment and Train Council, Public Service Employment Unit, Hurley Bldg., Fourth Floor, Boston MA 02114.

VAPOR TRAILS from thousands of high flying jet planes may be affecting local weather and crops. OMNI Magazine reports that scientists in Illinois are currently studying a nine state area which is an air corridor for at least 2000 jets a day. According to Stanley Changnon of the Illinois State Water Survey, early morning jet flights form cirrus clouds

which can change a normally sunny day into a cloudy one. Dr. Changnon says that in the study area, water survey weather records show that cloudy days have been increasing, resulting in lower temperatures and less sun for crops. There are also fewer thunderstorms, which could also be a threat to crop production.

NEW JERSEY representative Millicent Fenwick has introduced legislation that would protect the asbestos industry against claims arising from its failure to warn its workers about the hazards of asbestos exposure. Science Magazine reports that the law was drafted by the Johns-Manville Corporation, the major US manufacturer of asbestos, which, incidentally, has a plant in Rep. Fenwick's district.

lice agencies as if it were "solid fact." The center points to one incident in 1976 when the FBI is said to have learned from a source that motorcyclists and indian activists were planning to seize control of an operating nuclear power plant in Illinois. Based on this "totally unreliable source," nuclear power stations across the county were placed on full-time alert against possible terrorist attacks.

The center's study also notes incidents where members of local police departments infiltrated peaceful anti-nuclear groups and then acted as 'agent provocateurs' urging the groups to commit unlawful acts.

CITY LINES

INTERGALACTIC FLASHES

Longtime UFO researcher Jacques Vallee says says he has come to the conclusion that, although UFOs are real, they are not spaceships from other planets.

Instead, according to Vallee, those flying objects are what he calls "psychotronic devices." He suggests that these devices are being carefully controlled by other intelligences in

order to "manipulate human consciousness."

Vallee, an astrophysicist and computer scientist, has written a new book on the subject titled 'Messengers of Deception.' (And/Or Press, 415-849-2665).

He suggests that what we are seeing are manifestations of an intelligence that is communicating with us from what could be called a parallel reality.

THE OTHER GOVERNMENT

A FEDERAL APPEALS court in Chicago has ruled that the police in that city must reveal the name of an undercover informer whose whose information is said to have triggered a bloody police raid against the Illinois Black Panther Party a decade ago. Panther leaders Fred Hampton and Mark Clark were shot to death by police during that raid.

The appeals court says that federal judge Joseph Sam Perry committed numerous legal errors when — after an 18 month trial — he dismissed all charges against police and FBI officials involved in the raid.

During the trial, Chicago police said they decided to raid the Panther apartment only after an "informer" told them that the Panthers had been stockpiling weapons there. The police, however, refused to reveal the identity of their informer, and the person was never produced for questioning. Attorneys for the Panthers have been suggesting for years that the informer has never been identified because no such informer ever existed.

THE FREE PRESS Project is researching interference with the alternative press by intelligence organizations during the sixties and seventies. It has collected FBI files on underground papers, and is seeking affidavits relating to police harassment of papers, advertisers, and printers. Write the Free Press Project at 1043 Hamilton Ave., Hamilton, OH 45015.

THE CENTER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY Studies charges that local and private police agencies across American have been trying to twist the public's perception of the anti-nuclear movement from a peaceful, non-violent, middle-class movement into a "potential terrorist threat."

The center says that various police agencies are linked together on a nationwide basis through the "Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit," a semi-private computer network that exchanges personal background reports on American citizens.

The information being exchanged often consists of "inaccuracies and fiction" from "patently unreliable sources." Yet, the data is reportedly stored and acted upon by local po-

LEST IT APPEAR that the ills of city planning are solely endemic to capitalistic societies, we pass on this from Christopher Booker's review of Simon Leys' *Chinese Shadows*: in the Spectator:

"When [Leys] first knew Peking in 1955, it was architecturally one of the most beautiful cities in the world. . . Its ancient walls, its great gates, its delicately-roofed pailous (or street arches), enclosed vistas and arrangements of temples and palaces were one of the most breathtaking and harmonious examples of Chinese art.

"Twenty years later, with a few carefully preserved exceptions (including the Forbidden City itself), it is all gone. Pailous, gates, walls have simply disappeared. [Says Leys] "Whole blocks were razed to assuage the hunger of socialist town planners for immense avenues, boulevards and squares."

THERE IS, so to speak, a growing interest in urban gardens. Which is good — except that it may be bad. Questions have been raised about the lead content of vegetables raised in urban areas. The Cooperative Extension service at Cornell University (N 132A VanRensselaer Hall, Ithaca NY 14853) has published a report on the hazards of lead and cadmium accumulation in vegetables grown in polluted air and soil. The report, among other things, recommends that cabbage and other leafy vegetables not be grown in urban gardens.

The Weather Report is a newsletter of alternative ideas and action published by the DC Gazette. It is a supplement to the DC Gazette but is available separately for \$5 a year. Published monthly except during the summer. The DC Gazette and The Weather Report use the services of Liberation News Service, Pacific News Service, College Press Service, Zodiac News Service, Her Say News Service and Community Press Features.

EDITOR: Sam Smith
Member Alternative Press Syndicate. Address all correspondence to the Weather Report, c/o DC Gazette, 1739 Conn. Ave. NW, DC 20009. Tel: 202-232-5544.

BOOKS ON NUCLEAR ENERGY

Nuclear

Peter Faulkner. The Silent Bomb. A Guide to the Nuclear Power Controversy. New York, N.Y.: Vintage/Friends of the Earth International, 1977. 382 pp. \$3.95.

Contains the important testimony of three General Electric engineers who resigned because of their belief that present nuclear plants are not safe. Their testimony, along with articles by engineers, scientists, economists, reveals the inner workings of the nuclear industry, and the financial and governmental interests behind it.

Dr. Helen Caldicott. Nuclear Madness: What YOU Can Do! Autumn Press, 1978. 120 pp. \$3.95.

In the author's own words, "As a physician, I contend that nuclear technology threatens life on our planet with extinction. If present trends continue, (the earth) will soon be contaminated with enough radioactive pollutants to pose a potential health hazard far greater than any plague humanity has ever experienced..."

John J. Berger. Nuclear Power: The Unviable Option. Palo Alto, Calif. Ramparts Press, 1976. 384 pp. \$4.50.

Presents an analysis of nuclear power and its backers, its economics, and its risks in an easy-to-understand style. The chapter on "The Cost Spiral and Uranium Shortage" reveals the crucial limits of low-cost uranium supplies which doom the hopes for long-term energy from that source.

John G. Fuller. We Almost Lost Detroit. New York, N.Y.: Readers' Digest Press, 1975. 272 pp. \$1.95.

The documented, true account of the near-disaster at the Liquid Metal Fast Breeder Reactor near Detroit in 1966.

Saunders Miller and Craig Severance. The Economics of Coal and Nuclear Power. New York, N.Y.: Praeger, 1976. 151 pp. \$17.50 (hardback).

Miller's research concludes that the uranium shortage will become severe, that coal-fired plant performance records are superior to those of nuclear plants, and that to rely upon nuclear fission as a primary source of energy would constitute economic lunacy.

Amory Loving and John Price. Non-Nuclear Futures: The Case for an Ethical Energy Strategy. World Energy, 1975. 223 pp. \$6.95.

The authors explore the economics and ethics of energy, and find that the amount of capital needed for the nuclear dream is ridiculously unattainable.

Richard E. Webb. The Accident Hazards of Nuclear Power Plants. Amherst, Mass.: University of Massachusetts Press, 1976. 228 pp. \$6.95.

Analyzes the possible types of reactor accidents and their probability, reviews the NRC's now discredited Reactor Safety Study, and describes 14 accidents or near-accidents. A bit technical, but very good.

Union of Concerned Scientists. The Nuclear Fuel Cycle: A Survey of the Public Health, Environmental, and National Security Effects of Nuclear Power. Boston, Mass.: Massachusetts Institute of Technology Press, 1975. 275 pp. \$5.00.

Explores the major technical pro-

blems and the potential dangers of each step in the nuclear fuel cycle, from uranium mining to the hoped-for disposal of radioactive waste.

Dr. Ernest Sternglass. Low-Level Radiation. San Francisco, Calif.: Friends of the Earth, 1973. 240 pp. \$5.95.

Finds troubling correlations between the fallout from nuclear tests and reactors, with increased incidence of leukemia and foetal damage, including a study of the effects of the U. of I. TRIGA reactor.

John McPhee. The Curve of Binding Energy. New York, N.Y.: Ballantine Books, 1973. 170 pp. \$1.95.

Discusses nuclear security, material unaccounted for by the AEC, the prospect of private nuclear proliferation, and the inevitability of a serious accident.

Ralph Nader and John Abbotts. The Menace of Atomic Energy. \$10.95.

A very complete book covering the entire nuclear fuel cycle. It explains nuclear power in a way that is easy to understand. You can get this book at the public library.

Anna Gyorgy. No Nukes. \$8.00.

Tells all. Includes a section on nukes on an international level.

Shutdown. The Book Publishing Company, Summertown, Tenn.

Actual testimony from a court case (Honicker vs. Hendrie) that has yet to be decided. Hendrie is the head of the NRC and Jeannine Honicker is a citizen. The outcome of this case could mean the shutdown of the whole nuclear system.

Thanks to the Bloomington Pos. Amerikan and the Prairie Alliance for this bibliography.

WOMEN & MEN

A LAW passed by Congress barring discrimination on the basis of pregnancy went into effect in May. Under the new law, any employer offering a health or disability insurance plan to employees must treat pregnancy-related conditions as any other disability. Employers may not fire a woman employee because she is pregnant or refuse to hire her because she is or might become pregnant. The law also states that a pregnant employee can not be forced to take a leave of absence from her job, nor can an employee who takes a pregnancy leave be stripped of seniority benefits upon returning to the job.

ANTHROPOLOGIST Marcha Flint of New Jersey's Montclair State College believes that menopause may be a cultural set-up. Flint has conducted studies of women from various countries and ethnic groups about their attitudes toward themselves, aging and menopause. She found that women who had a negative attitude toward menopause because of their cultural upbringing more often reported menopause symptoms such as hot flashes, perspiration and vaginal problems.

Few symptoms were reported by women in cultures that respect the elderly, such as the Arab countries and India. Flint says that 20 million American women are currently going through menopause, and about ten percent of them have severe problems. Says Flint, "That's excessive. There is something the cultural pattern for this. After all, the hormonal changes are the same for all women from culture to culture."

THE ILLINOIS HOUSE OF Representatives has approved a measure that would require written contracts before cohabitating couples could sue each other for property settlements, should they split up.

A GALLUP survey finds that 54% of those interviewed feel that abortion should be legal only under certain circumstances, 19% say that abortion should be illegal under all circumstances and 22% say it should be legal under all conditions.

FLORIDA'S COYOTE organization is asking prostitutes to name anti-ERA legislators who are their customers. Darlene Lashman of the organization, which was started to protect the rights of prostitutes, says the names of businessmen and lawmaker clients will be turned over to Florida's feminist groups for use in the 1980 elections. Says Lashman: "It's about time the good old boys got a taste of their own medicine."

A FORD FOUNDATION study reports that the percentage of women workers in the lower paying jobs is increasing, not decreasing. Women in what is called "pink collar service" have risen from 52% of all women working in 1962 to 60 percent in 1976.

IF you are a woman and are in good health and have a good sex life, chances are you are either strongly religious or strongly anti-religious. That according to New York psychologist Phillip Shaver who studied 2500 women. He says that those who responded to his survey who described themselves as being merely "moderately" or "slightly" religious reported they often experienced anxiety and guilt feelings, headaches, upset stomachs and a poor sex life. Shaver thinks his findings indicate that "people who are committed to an ideology have fewer psychosomatic problems."

THE NATIONAL Association of Realtors reports that women bought a total of eight percent of all single family homes sold last year. Forty-five percent of all homes sold went to two-income families.

A STUDY OF 10,000 working women conducted by Family Circle Magazine found that at least 30% of them leave their younger children at home unattended. Only one woman in five with young children had a husband or relative who helps with child care and only one in ten said she would even consider leaving her child with a relative if she had a choice.

ACTION NOTES

THE CENTER FOR National Security Studies has come out with a comprehensive pamphlet on "Using the Freedom of Information Act." This step-by-step guide costs \$1.50 and can be obtained from CNSS at 122 Maryland Ave NE, DC 20002. The center also offers a number of other publications and a journal, First Principles. A free descriptive brochure is available.

WITH THE possibility of the revival of the draft, the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors is sending out so-called CO cards that, according to CCCO, can provide a record of an individual's opposition to war and the military. Says Larry Spiers of CCCO, "Under current Selective Service regulations, an individual who is called up for active duty will have only ten days to put together his or her CO claim. This CO card will help to substantiate a person's opposition to serving in the military." Co cards are available from CCCO, 2016 Walnut St., Phila, Pa. 19103.

THE FOLKS AT CINE INFORMATION have produced a guide to using films as an organizing tool. Tells you where to get films, how to plan film events, how to deal with technical problems etc. The guide costs \$5 from CI, PO Box 449, Planetarium Station, NYC NY 10024. CI can also get you on the mailing lists of film distributors in the areas of your interest.

STOP THE OLYMPIC PRISON is still trying to bring a halt to the construction of the athletes' village at Lake Placid, which will be used as a federal prison after the Olympics. One contact for STOP is Stephen Angell at 202-547-3633.

THE GRANTSMANSHIP Center (1031 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90015) has just reprinted its "The Process of Program Evaluation" and it's available for \$2.50. The center has a variety of other publications on how to get and keep grants.

LOOKING BUT NOT SEEING: THE FEDERAL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT INSPECTION PROGRAM: Report from the Union of Concerned Scientists, 1208 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138 . \$3.50

NUCLEAR POWER AND CIVIL LIBERTIES: CAN WE HAVE BOTH? Even when nuclear power doesn't cause cancer, it can still create other problems. The need for security at plants is already having an effect on our civil liberties. This report tells how. \$5 from Citizens' Energy Project, 1413 K NW, 8th floor, DC 20005.

NO NUKE EDUCATIONAL PACKET a available from WIN Magazine for \$4. 503 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn NY 11217.

THE FREE FOR ALL SERVICES CO-OP operates on sharing rather than barter. Has over 300 members in ten states. Info: Richard O. Johnson, 1623 Granville Ste 11, Los Angeles, Calif. 90025.

YEAR OF THE CHILD ORGANIZERS PACKET available for \$3 from Mobilization



WORDS TO LIVE BY

Congressmen shouldn't spend their recess periods on taxpaid junkets around the world— *Editorial in the Palm Beach Times on the death of Rep. Ryan in Guyana.*

All I want is half my cocaine back — *Abbie Hoffman on his attempts to work out a settlement with the NYC District Attorney over his coke bust.*

Coke Brings Your Ancestors Back From the Dead— *Translation of "Coke Adds Life" as it appeared on Hong Kong billboards.*

This is no lady; this is a commissioner— *The male escort of FTC Commissioner Elizabeth Dole, explaining to a guard why he should let her into an all-male SF club.*

Does Three Mile Island mean that nuclear plants have had it? Let's say they're in the process of having it.

for Survival, 3601 Locust Walk, Philadelphia Pa. 19104. (215-386-4875)

FOURTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RURAL AMERICA: June 24-28 at the Shoreham-Americana Hotel in DC. Info: Rural America, 1346 Conn. Ave. NW, DC 20036 (202-659-2800)

OPEN BOOKS: HOW TO RESEARCH A CORPORATION: \$4.40 from Midwest Academy, 600 W. Fullerton, Chicago Ill. 60614.

GRASS ROOTS FUNDRAISING BOOK: A practical guide to fundraising for community groups. Everything from potluck suppers to telethons are discussed along with bookkeeping and the legal aspects of fundraising. \$5.25 from the Youth Project, PO Box 988, Hicksville NY 11802

FLYING DILEMMAS: Report on airline passenger rights and how they are enforced. \$5 from Consumer Action Project, Box 19029, DC 20036.

SOCIAL STRATIFICATION IN THE US: This nifty 45" x 35" color chart provides a wealth of data about income, occupation, wealth, race and family status in the US. Poster is \$5. Add \$2 for an explanatory booklet and \$1 for postage. Social Graphic Company, 1120 Riverside Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21280.

HEALTH PUBLICATIONS LIST: Available free from the Health Research Group, PO Box 19404, DC 20036

POWER LINE: A useful and interesting monthly on utilities and efforts to reform them. Sample from the Environmental Action Foundation, 724 Dupont Circle Building, DC 20036.

POWER: A REPOSSESSION MANUAL: A guide for activists and community organizers. Discusses various approaches and their effect. \$5 from the Citizen-Involvement Training Project, 138 Hasbrouck, University of Mass., Amherst MA 1978

THE GRANTS NEWSLETTER: Provides info on funding sources for AT groups, energy and food projects in California. Sample from California Office of Appropriate Technology, 1530 10th St, Sacramento CA 95814.

MULTI-NATIONAL MONITOR: Reports on activities of multinational corporations overseas. \$1 from MM, PO Box 19312, DC 20036.

GRASSROOTS CONSUMER TRAINING CLINICS: Being organized by Public Citizen. If you wish to participate in arranging a session in your community, write Gene Karpinski, PO Box 19404, DC 20036.

RAISING HELL: A guide to investigating individuals, corporations, government and property. Bibliography. \$2.25 from Mother Jones, 607 Market Street, San Francisco, CA

PEOPLE BEFORE PROPERTY: The Institute for Local Self Reliance describes this as the "investigative bible for tenant and housing organizations across the country." \$5.90 from Midwest Academy, 600 W. Fullerton, Chicago Ill 60614.

Teachers CONT'D

it is the first principal who must prove the ability to hold the job.

Those educators who fail to document their competency, not by their academic credentials, but by the records of their students, should be brought up on charges — the charge being that they are failures.

Some might be judged as having potential to actually learn something through retraining, perhaps with master teachers. Others, with a sizeable record of abysmal productivity, ought to be dismissed, following due process hearings, of course. While it is now extremely difficult to get rid of even the most destructive school professionals, there will now be a detailed record of the results of their teaching or supervising with which to confront them.

Kenneth Clark is basing much of what is left of his hope that the schools can be turned around on this competency-testing of the adults in the system. If it doesn't take root in New York, and around the country, rampant incompetency will continue to be tenured as more and more of the victims slide into limbo.

"I can tell you as a psychologist," Clark says of the present system, "that learning to speak and to understand language is more difficult than learning to read. Fortunately, kids come to school already knowing how to talk. If they had to learn it in school, we would have a very high percentage of people who could not speak at all."

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HOW TO DO IT

- THE SECOND JEWISH CATALOG: The New York Times calls it a cross between "the Whole Earth Catalog and the Talmud. An authoritative guide to Jewish living. Includes a Jewish yellow pages. \$7.50
- BUYING YOUR HOUSE: A complete guide to inspection and evaluation. Easy to understand with lots of helpful tips. \$4.95
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- BASIC WIRING: A money-saving guide to electrical repairs and renovations inside your house and out. Well-illustrated. \$5.95
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- OLD HOUSE CATALOG: 2500 products, services and suppliers for restoring, decorating and furnishing the period house — from early American to the 1930s. \$7.95.
- THE HOLISTIC HEALTH HANDBOOK: A guide to holistic health in its many forms. Compiled by the Berkeley Holistic Health Center. \$9.95.
- COHABITATION HANDBOOK: Spells out the problems for new life-style persons living with the establishment and how to deal with them. State-by-state rundown on variations in the law. \$3.95
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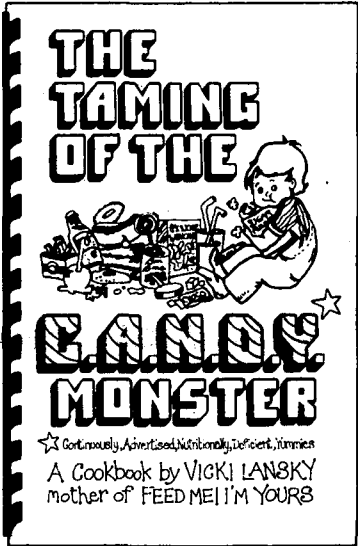
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IRISH ROOTS

THE IRISH DIASPORA IN AMERICA by Lawrence J. McCaffrey was described in the New York Times as "the best short history of the Irish in America currently available." Now available in paper from the DC Gazette 1739 Conn. Ave. NW, DC 20009, for \$4.95. (DC residents add 25¢ sales tax).

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THE HOT question among astrologers these days is: what sign does a human clone take? Its own or that of its donor? According to astrologer Jay Jacobs, if astrological indicators are contained in the genes, you could have a Virgo born in February or a Leo born in December. On the other hand, if astrology only depends on the time of birth, then you would have a clone that is physically identical to its donor, but which would have an entirely different chart.

TWO speech scientists claim to have used an IBM computer to compose the "perfect" political speech for any national candidate who wants to be elected to office.

Donald Shields of the University of Missouri and John Cragan of Illinois State University report that during the 1976 elections they tested the impact of a speech written by an IBM 370 — with frighteningly successful results.

The two scientists wanted a speech that would "play in Peoria." So they literally went to Peoria three years ago and polled the residents there on their attitudes on foreign affairs. Shields and Cragan then fed the answers into the computer, and instructed the machine to construct a nine-minute political speech that would appeal to the widest possible audience. Shields reports that he has since delivered the speech to various audiences and that it is always followed by a standing ovation. Asked if the technique is advanced enough to use in the 1980 campaign, Shields says, "Yes — not to mention 1984." He didn't indicate whether he was planning to run for president.

THE bottom has dropped out of the skateboard industry. Some manufacturers have had sales plummet 80% in the last year. Market saturation and roller skates are blamed.

THE NATIONAL Geographic News Service reports that many seemingly authentic steaks served in restaurants today have actually been ground, mixed and machine-molded into steak-like shapes. The news service says the food industry defends the trend as being the wave of the future designed to use food more efficiently.



A BILL HAS been introduced in the Louisiana legislature that would require every publication in the state with more than 200,000 circulation to proclaim in large letters on their front pages that the contents of the newspaper "are not necessarily the truth." State newspapers have been responding with editorials suggesting that the same warning should be attached to all political speeches, proposed legislation and government reports.

LAST SUMMER some 300 special teachers of transcendental meditation descended on Rhode Island in an effort to raise that state's consciousness and ward off bad vibes. The TM freaks promised an age of enlightenment with the aid of thousands of residents meditating on behalf of the state.

Well, the stats are in now and it looks pretty good for TM. Murder in Rhode Island has plummeted 49%; suicide has dropped 41 percent; traffic fatalities are down 54%, pollution declined; so did sales of cigarettes and liquor and the state had the sunniest summer since 1953.

The TM people, of course, are taking credit and have asked Ted Kennedy to make support for transcendental meditation a permanent part of his national health insurance program.

WASHOE, the only chimp ever to learn to talk to humans in sign language, was given a baby chimp to care for recently after her only son died. According to Dr. Roger Fouts, who trained Washoe, eight days after baby Loulis arrived, he made his first sign. Loulis had become enraged at his foster mother, but when his tantrum subsided, he made the sign for "hug" until Washoe forgave him. Washoe knows more than 200 signs, and often strings three or four together to form the equivalent of meaningful human sentences. Washoe has also learned to make abstract associations. She was taught the sign for "dirty" to indicate "feces." Now, says Fouts, "She uses it for people who don't do what she wants them to do."

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ALL ABOUT STATEHOOD

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT STATEHOOD FOR D.C.

1. Is it constitutional?

Article I, Section 8, of the Constitution provides that Congress shall have the power to exercise exclusive legislative control over a Federal District "not exceeding ten miles square." Congress can clearly make the District a smaller area, containing only the major federal buildings and monuments around the mall, in keeping with the Constitution. Article IV, Section 3, provides for Congress to admit new states into the Union and is completely compatible with statehood for the populated part of D.C. No Constitutional Amendment is necessary.

2. Is there any reason for the Federal District to be the full ten miles square?

No. In the late 1700's, facing veterans' marches on the previous capital in Philadelphia, the founding fathers may have wanted to place themselves in a large special area for protection. Since then, though, 30% of the District has already been ceded back to Virginia. The Federal government now securely maintains buildings and installations in all the states, and we have the example of numerous democracies--Great Britain, France, Canada, West Germany--which grant full self-government to their capital cities. Now, too, the number of people deprived of their rights in D.C. has reached nearly 700,000.

3. Is statehood the only way we can get an independent local government like other U.S. citizens have, as well as full representation in Congress?

Yes. Article I, Section 8, of the Constitution makes it clear that people who live in the area designated as the Federal District cannot have this right. The history of our country as well as the wording of the Constitution make full citizenship and local self-government the rights of residents of states. So statehood is the way for D.C. people to proceed.

4. Isn't statehood a difficult and lengthy process?

No. Statehood is a simple process. Once the people of an area vote for statehood and elect their delegates to a constitutional convention, it need only take a few years. A statehood bill is presented to Congress along with the state constitution and Congress has to approve it only by a majority vote of each house.

5. Is a Constitutional Amendment for voting representation in Congress a step toward statehood for D.C.?

A Constitutional Amendment is not a step toward statehood. The lengthy Amendment process uses up valuable time and money that could have gone toward the statehood effort. In addition, if it should pass, an Amendment providing for Senators from the Federal District may present a problem

The steps to Statehood:

Remember — Statehood provides a real local government. Statehood automatically provides for full voting representation in Congress. Statehood requires only a simple majority vote of Congress, not a two-thirds vote as a Constitutional amendment would.

1

A referendum will be held on whether the voters want to begin the process towards Statehood.

2

If the referendum succeeds, DC citizens are elected to a constitutional convention to prepare a state constitution.

3

The state constitution must be presented to the voters in a referendum for approval. This means the voters have another chance to decide on Statehood.

4

The constitution, adopted by the voters, is presented to Congress, along with a formal request for admission as a state.

5

Congress considers the request for Statehood. Congress sets the state boundaries, the terms for admission, including any special grants and payments to the new state, and examines the state constitution to determine if it complies with the US Constitution.

when statehood is obtained and the Federal District around the mall is unpopulated.

6. Do the people of D.C. want statehood?

A 1977 American University poll showed that 51% of the people of D.C., 41% of the people of Maryland, and 31% of the people of Virginia favor statehood for D.C. However, D.C. elected officials have so far been hesitant to pursue full rights for their people and have failed to put the question of statehood before the people of D.C. in a referendum.

7. If we were a state could we support ourselves?

If we were a state we could support ourselves at least as well as now, even if we lose the special federal payment. The special federal payment is less than 25% of our revenue - \$245,000,000--in 1979. The D.C. Department of Finance and Revenue estimates that the net revenue from a reciprocal state income tax would be more than \$260,000,000. This tax, which Congress has been able to deny us because we are not a state, alone makes up more than the difference. We would also gain \$3,500,000 from just those properties which Congress exempts by special bills. And we would be free to impose higher taxes on wealth and could develop light industry and business to serve the employment and revenue needs of D.C. In addition we could freely negotiate a federal payment (replacing the present one) to compensate for the negative impact of the Federal presence here--in the same way the states do.

8. Is D.C. too small to be a state?

In terms of population D.C. is larger than six states--North Dakota, Nevada, Delaware, Vermont, Wyoming and Alaska. In terms of their contribution to Federal taxes, D.C. residents pay \$2,116 per capita--or \$491 over

the national average, more than the people of 49 states. And D.C. raises more local tax money than 13 states (combining state, county and local taxes).

9. Would statehood mean a better government for D.C.?

Statehood could not guarantee a better government, but it offers the chance to create a government responsive to the peoples' needs. As a state we could function free from the threat that Congress might veto our laws, alter our budget, or take away our elections--as was done in 1874 for almost a century.

10. How do we begin?

The first step is to hold an election for people to decide if they want statehood and to choose delegates to write the new state constitution.

(Thanks to the DC Statehood Party for this fact sheet)

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UTILITY BILL OF RIGHTS

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION has approved a utility consumers bill of rights. Here are some of the key provisions:

- The telephone company may not impose a security deposit as a condition to getting telephone service. Consistently late consumers may be required to provide a security deposit but the limit is \$100.
- Utility companies may go no longer than two months without making an actual reading of a meter. Estimates must be clearly labelled.
- Customers must be informed by mail at least 15 days before their service is to be cut off for non-payment. There must be a second notification attempted by telephone two days before the cutoff. If that fails, the gas or electric company must make one attempt and the phone company two attempts to find the customer at home and must be prepared to accept payment at that time. A personal check is acceptable unless the customer's previous checks have bounced in the past year.
- There will be a new consumer services division within the PSC to referee disputes over bills and services. Both informal hearings and binding action will be used as needed.

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CITY DESK

JERRY MOORE holds hearings this month on legislation that would franchise the construction of bus shelters. A private bidder would build the things in return for revenues from the advertising space thereon. It's a sound idea but there is one caveat: one of the hottest scandals in the Big Apple at the moment involves the franchising of bus shelters. There's always someone who can foul up a good idea if you give them a chance.

PETER SCHOTT of the House Education and Labor Committee is in line to become the new chair of the local ADA.

WE RECEIVED A letter the other day from Oui magazine informing us that we could make a bundle writing items for that publication's Openers section. We're kind of tied up right now, so we'll pass along the specifications. Oui wants items running 50 to 1000 words on "titillating trends, international wackiness, x-rated novelties, far-out rumors, looney lists, freaky flora and fauna, dope tales, crackpot collections, screwball science, horny occupations, new sexual accomplishments, obscene art and artists, gonzo geography, anatomical outrages, little-known rituals, architectural wonders, fetish fashions, media madness, death defying feats, psychedelic visions, strange services for sale, out-of-mind experiences, bawdy adventures, out-of-the-way resorts, pornographic puns, behind-the-scenes naughtiness, sexy sports, kinky rip-offs, smart-ass celebs, wicked women, warped humor." If this isn't detailed enough, write to Ed Dwyer, Associate Editor, Oui, 8560 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069. He promises that "contributing to OPENERS can make a different person out of you."

IT'S PROBABLY about time for the city council to screw up its courage and take on the dog problem. We realize that matters such as condo conversion and the legalization of gambling are fluffball issues compared to canine control, but we are hearing more and more complaints about the mongrel mafia and we would like to be able to assure people that our city leaders really do care. The city of Reykjavik banned dogs in 1924 and is still standing. We don't have to go that far but a nice blue-ribbon commission might provide fair warning to the yapping, trash-can tipping, leg-biting pack that their days of terrorizing the city's neighborhoods are numbered.

THE ANYWAY CIRCLE of the Northminster Presbyterian Church up in Neighbors Inc., has started a medical lending closet. They are collecting items like walkers, wheelchairs, heating pads, bedpans and bed rests, that residents can borrow.

RUTH DIXON, former chair of Neighborhood Commission 3F, has taken over as president of the local League of Women Voters.

WE HEAR from Neighborhood Commission 3B that third graders from the Stoddert School have been visiting residents at the Baptist Home on Nebraska Ave. The young and the old share conversations and activities.

WHEN 'We Interrupt This Week' panelist Jeff Greenfield was asked to identify a group of eclipse-watchers all shielded from the sun's rays with large boxes over their heads, he said, "Those are the cn-

ly people willing to admit they're for Jimmy Carter in 1980." That is, he said it everywhere except on WETA-TV, where a controlroom button was, as they say, inadvertently pushed during Greenfield's remark.

IF THE STAR ever overtakes the Post, you can mark down June 24, 1979 as the day it all began. On that day, Doonesbury, Cathy and Tank McNamara all move from the Post to the Star. The Star had to merge with Universal Press Syndicate to swing

the deal. Oh well, maybe Bill Gold can learn to draw.

SPEAKING OF Bill Gold, he announced the other day that his honeymoon with Metro is over and began immediately complaining about the driving habits of Metro bus jockies. Do not take this lightly. When Paul Harvey turned on the Vietnam War, we got out in no time.

WHAT WITH stories of police brutality beginning to appear again in DC, it might be a good idea for the city's human relations office to have access to the internal files of the cops. Nothing unusual; they do it that way in PG County a reporter out there tells us.

MERCY... Is it true that Maryon Allen is a real person and not a misplaced disc from the Style section computer's memory bank? ... And... that her copy reaches readers eyes untouched by human editorial hands? ... And that her contract allows her an unlimited quota of cliches and periods? ...

SOMEONE OVER at the Rec Department tried a little too hard to please the boss. When the mayor's office called to say it wanted to play the White House in softball on a certain Sunday afternoon, the Rec type promptly bumped the women's tournament that had been scheduled there for several months. Some of the teams had come from as far away as West Virginia. No sign the mayor knew what had happened.

WE KEEP forgetting to tell you that friends of Ardeshr Zahedi are endowing a chair in his honor at the Kennedy Center. We trust that all his benefactors in the press corps will contribute appropriately.

A TIP OF THE HAT to Courtland Milloy for his piece in the Post on disco discrimination — how some of DC's leading nightspots keep blacks out. It's the sort of story the Post would have more space for if it didn't spend so much time flacking for these establishments. When you think about it, the whole premise of the Beautiful People with which the Style section is so enamored is arbitrary and capricious discrimination. Clothing is more important than conscience, money better than decency, entertaining more constructive than helping anyone, and blonde infinitely preferable to black.

The argument that Style and Portfolio merely are covering power doesn't wash. They don't report; they fawn, and in so doing reinforce the distorted pretensions and position of the power groupies.



CHUCK STONE..

DESPITE Ted Kennedy's guileless sincerity about running against Carter he continues to orchestrate moves containing all the elements of a presidential candidacy. He's like a virginal choir singer who proclaims her innocence, but keeps getting picked up in the red light district.

If you're a senior senator, an occasional difference with your president is expected. But when you hold hearings questioning his energy policy, imply pusillanimity on his oil-profits tax, and then choreograph an opposing health care plan at a klieg-lit spectacular worthy of presidential trappings, you are not preparing to recite 'Little Red Riding Hood' in the school play.

Individually, each Steady Teddy proposal has been closer to the Democratic soul than Shimmy Jimmy's lip service liberalism. Collectively, they have snowballed into an irreversible erosion of confidence.

Hubert Humphrey used to warn carping Democrats who then expected the party to favors for them, "If you are going to drink the water, don't poison the well." As deserving Carter is of Kennedy's sharp-tongued criticism, it does pollute his legislative well's purity.

That's why the Massachusetts senator must soon make his move if he is not going to stand accused of simply being a nagger or a spoiler.

Of course, a Machiavellian interpretation might be tempted to speculate that such a scenario has not escaped Kennedy's cerebral recesses: A Carter defeat in 1980 followed by a Kennedy victory in 1984 after folks have had four more years to forget about Chappaquiddick.

This is not to suggest Kennedy should desist. On the contrary, this valued treasure of the Democratic Party is one of the few liberals who still applies a full-court press for economic and racial justice. However, his dogged insistence on alternative programs to Carter's may simply be writing entrance cues for the country's fastest switch-hitter this side of the Tallahatchie River, Jerry Brown.

As California's Don Quixote gallops across the presidential landscape, pressures will intensify on Kennedy to announce. But statesmen who are serious about the grandeur of the presidency do not make decisions based on an ambitious hack's hustle.

I think Kennedy is running for six reasons:

1. The inexorability of his life. He is, as Tolstoy observed, "an unconscious instrument in bringing about the historical ends of humanity. . . . The higher a man's place in the social scale, the more connections he has with others, and the more power he has over them, the more conspicuous is the inevitability and predestination of every act he commits."

2. Kennedy's proud three generation commitment to public service. Running for America's highest office has been an anticipation in Ted Kennedy's life ever since he audaciously offered his presidential brother as his only credentials for a senatorial seat.

3. Kennedy's devotion to the Democratic Party. If Carter's standing in national polls continues its disastrous slippage, if the economy hits the skids and inflation gobbles up an even larger chunk of take-home pay, Democratic Party officials will turn desperately to Kennedy to prevent an electoral wipe-out. It is highly unlikely he would refuse an honest national draft under those circumstances.

4. Kennedy's love of country. Personal attacks on his past indiscretions would be gleefully floated in a presidential campaign. But patriotism doesn't come cheap. It's costly and sometimes it's painful. The knowledge that his candidacy would make a difference in this country's future would help neutralize such nastiness.

5. Potential primary victories. Sen. Eugene McCarthy's victory over Lyndon Johnson in the New Hampshire primary convinced the Texan he was extremely vulnerable on the Vietnam war. After that defeat, Johnson announced his decision not to run for re-election. A similar defeat would convince Carter of the same wisdom.

6. The itinerary of Stephen Smith, Kennedy's brother-in-law. As a few insiders know, Smith, one of the Kennedy's closest advisers, is criss-crossing the country talking informally with Democratic power brokers.

If Carter's popularity base crumbles any further and Kennedy doesn't run, our task in 1980 will be simplified: choosing a presidential star from the Republican constellation.

(Philadelphia Daily News)

...on Ted Kennedy

SAVE ENERGY: ESTIVATE

ACTION NOTES

MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF SINGLE ADULTS: Series of discussion sessions at the Dupont Circle Counseling Center, Tuesdays, 730-9pm, through July 3. 1611 Conn. Ave. NW, 4th floor. Topics to include isolation, single or weekend parents, displaced persons, runaways.

DC DIRECTORY OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH: Compiled by the Volunteer Clearinghouse and the Junior League. Lists over 160 non-profit agencies with volunteer opportunities. The guide is being distributed to counselors and principals, recreation centers and libraries. Info: Ruth Sloate, 333-0455.

COAST GUARD CUTTER EAGLE: The three-masted Eagle will be docked in Alexandria June 22-25. Will be open to the public during this time.

DINNER MEETING ON WOMEN'S NETWORKING: Sponsored by the Committee on Women of the local chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. Beret Pub, 1140 Conn. Ave. NW, 630 pm, June 19. Info: Lynn Stitt, 232-6705.

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WEEKDAY ART WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN: At the Corcoran throughout the summer. Call Education Department, extension 45, ME 8-3211.

THE NATIONAL PUBLIC LAW Training Center offers a course on advocacy July 9-13. Course will focus on the establishment, development and strengthening of advocacy and ombudsman programs. Classes will take place at AU. Fee: \$350. Course may be taken for credit. Call Rosalyn Voige, 872-0660.

WIDER OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN offers Act II, a weekly forum for career women in the DC area. Meets Thursday 630-730 pm. Women will have an opportunity to exchange ideas, discuss work problems and become part of the "New Women's Network" of Washington. Call 638-4868 or write WOW, 1649 K NW, DC 20006.

WOMENS OUTREACH RESEARCH CENTER offers free discussions for women who want to work for themselves. Topics include independent contracting and starting businesses. Meetings held June 13, 20, 27 and July 11, 18 at the West End Public Library, 24th & L NW. Call Associated Women Consultants, 785-1167.

SUMMER COURSES for older adults at the Grad School of the UD Dept. of Agriculture. Courses include Shakespeare for Enjoyment, Creative Journaling, Painting Workshop, Alterations and Dressmaking, the World of Opera and French Conversation & Culture. Registration June 11-16. Call 447-4419.

MAYOR'S 1979 SUMMER RECREATION FESTIVAL: June 16 & 17. Parade June 16 beginning noon from 7th & Constitution. Parade to proceed to the Ellipse where programs will be held including sky diving, marathon bike races, cricket and soccer matches, clown workshops, as well as exhibits and live entertainment. Call 673-7660.

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